

RYKOFF DEMANDS DISSOLUTION OF OPPOSITION IN PARTY DISCUSSION

Kameneff Admits Trotsky Group Won't Abandon Views in Speech at Communist Congress

(Special Cable To The DAILY WORKER.)

MOSCOW, Dec. 7.—The complete dissolution of the Opposition was advised by Alexei Rykoff, president of the Council of People's Commissars, in the discussion of the Opposition at the Fifteenth Congress of the All Union Communist Party yesterday.

Leon B. Kameneff, in speaking for the Opposition, declared that since the Opposition is in a minority in the Party, and cannot put over their conditions, the Opposition cannot do other than submit to the Party after a hard struggle, and accept all the decisions of the Congress.

STALIN STRESSES PEACE POLICY OF USSR IN REPORT

Declares Britain Seeks Anti-Soviet Bloc

MOSCOW. — Declaring that Great Britain's efforts to create a united front of capitalist powers in its drive against the Soviet Union were unsuccessful only because of the conflicting interests in the imperialist camp, the opposition of the European working class and the fear that an attack on the Soviet Union might lead to workers revolutions at home, Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the All Union Communist Party, in his report to the Fifteenth Party Congress, again stressed the Soviet Union's desire for peace.

His report declares:

Britain Led Attack.

"The British bourgeoisie assumed the initiative in intensifying the interventionist tendencies. Evidently the help rendered the British miners by the Soviet workers, and the sympathies of the working class of the USSR for the revolutionary movement in China, could not but add fuel and fire their animosity.

"All of these facts account for the rupture between England and the USSR, and the straining of relations with a series of other states. There are two tendencies in this struggle in the relations between the capitalist world and the USSR, the main tendency of military aggression (above all Britain) and the tendency to maintain peaceful relations with a series of other capitalist countries. These are therefore the main facts in the system of our foreign relations given at the moment.

U. S. S. R. For Peace.

"Facts showing a tendency towards peaceful relations of the period are under review: non-aggression treaty with Turkey, guarantee pact with Germany, tariff agreement with Greece, agreement with Germany which recedes recognition with Uruguay, guarantee pact with Afghanistan, guarantee pact with Lithuania, the initial guarantee pact with Latvia.

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'Don't Shop Early' Wait for the Big Defense Bazaar!

The Xmas shopping slogan is to be reversed this year, according to the Joint Defense Committee of Cloakmakers and Furriers. Instead of "Do your Xmas shopping early," they have announced the call to "Delay all buying for the Grand Central Palace Bazaar, December 23rd to New Year."

Hasten Preparations.

All workers and workers' organizations are feverishly engaged in preparations for the Bazaar. An entire shop, the W. S. G. Dress Shop at 100 W. 21st St. has been turned over to the production of beautiful dresses by the score for the Bazaar. Not to be outdone by the Dressmakers, the Capmakers have announced a contribution of 5,000 caps for the Cap Booth, while the Millinery Workers are preparing 50 doz. new and fashionable ladies' hats for their booth.

Fur Repairs.

Expert furriers will operate a Fur Repair Booth, and will make repairs at unusually low rates.

Judging by the Xmas articles that are pouring in, the Gift Booths will offer many attractions for those who wish to make presents of jewelry, fountain pens, etc.

Register for Committee Work.

Registering of volunteers for help at the Bazaar goes on all day and until 7 p. m. at the office of the Joint Defense Committee Room 714, 41 Union Square. Come to register. Do not be a slacker.

"Starvation Hoover" May Get Nomination



Well fed Secretary of Commerce, specialist in human misery. After capitalizing the Mississippi flood for the bankers, he issues a report saying that the workers are better off than ever before. He is being hoisted for the presidency.

GILLETI FOUND GUILTY; GRECO TRIAL FRIDAY

Plot Victim Convicted After 12 Hours

Mario Gilletti, accused of shooting two fascists Jan. 25, was found guilty of second degree assault yesterday morning by a jury in the Bronx County court before Judge Albert Cohn.

The jury was given the case at 8 p. m. Tuesday and sat all night. Calogio Greco and Donato Carrillo, anti-fascist workers, will go on trial Friday in the same court on murder charges closely connected with the Gilletti case. They are charged with killing two fascists in the Bronx last December Day. During the Gilletti trial it was brot out that he was at first threatened with the charge of killing the two fascists for whose death Greco and Carrillo are to be tried. The dead men were Joseph Carisi and Nicholas Amaroso.

After being locked up for deliberations Tuesday night, the jury returned to the court room on three occasions to have testimony read to them. Judge Cohn announced Gilletti would be sentenced next Tuesday.

According to Gilletti's own testimony, officers of the Fascist League of North America conspired with police authorities and the Italian consul at Chicago in an attempt to force him by threats and torture to implicate Carlo Tresca, head of the Anti-Fascist League, and others in unsolved murder cases.

Frame-up Exposed.

His testimony was said yesterday by James P. Cannon, secretary of the International Labor Defense, to be a complete exposure of the frame-up method of prosecution. By this method, according to Cannon, the Bronx County district attorney, the police and the Fascist League are attempting to send Greco and Carrillo to the New York State electric chair. Greco and Carrillo will be represented by Clarence Darroch, noted labor and criminal trial lawyer, and (Continued on Page Five)

Prenter, Former Rail Union President, Dies

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—William S. Prenter, former president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, whose removal from office followed the collapse of the Brotherhood labor bank, died yesterday at his home in Cleveland, at the age of 72.

Legion Tries to Force Collector Out of Job

Claiming that he did not meet the official American Legion requirements during the last war, a number of New Jersey Legion posts are demanding that John R. Rogers, recently appointed collector for the fifth district, be relieved of his office. They have received the reply that the appointment is strictly a matter between President Coolidge and the republican party.

Militant Workers, Spokesmen and Writers Will Attend the Daily Worker-Freiheit Ball

They will all be there: militant New York workers, members of the staff of The DAILY WORKER and The Freiheit, prominent left wing leaders, directors and actors of the New Playwrights' Theatre and thousands of visitors from Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities.

All will be present at the Labor

Twenty Thousand Chicago Car Line Workers Ready to Strike

REPUBLICANS IN DEADLOCK OVER 1928 CANDIDATE

Coolidge Word Now Held to Be Final

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — President Coolidge has pretty well succeeded today in convincing even the most hard-boiled skeptic that he is out of the 1928 presidential reckoning.

His re-statement to the republican national committee that he is not a candidate, coupled with his advice to the party to "proceed vigorously to the task of selecting another candidate" left those who have been leading the "draft Coolidge" movement but little ground to stand on.

Still Indefinite.

It is true that Mr. Coolidge did not say, as he did not say last August, that he would not accept a nomination were it offered to him by the republican convention next June. He has never said that, and apparently has no intention of saying it.

An "Ohio Song" Candidate.

A great majority of the national committee, as well as a great majority of the republicans in congress, however, were won over to the idea that the president was not in the race.

Dawes Plays Politics.

Vice-president Dawes, everywhere considered a candidate, has announced "I am not a candidate," Herbert Hoover has made no statement of his position, but his friends have been actively promoting his candidacy; Governor Frank O. Lowden has merely stated "No man ever can run away from the presidency"; and Charles E. Hughes has remained aloof and silent, awaiting developments. Only two men have actually announced themselves as candidates since last August—Senators Curtis of Kansas and Willis of Ohio.

Most of the practical politicians now here for the session of congress and the meeting of the republican national committee believe that the 1928 race will settle down to a contest between Hoover, Hughes, and a Dawes-Lowden combination.

LOCAL 41 SIGNS UP INDEPENDENT PLEATERS' SHOPS

Announcement was made yesterday at the headquarters of Tuckers', Pleaters' and Hemstitchers' Local 41, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, that a number of independent manufacturers had been forced to sign up with the union as a result of energetic strikes carried on by this local against various lock-outs declared by employers.

It was pointed out by union officials that these shops have signed up with the union in spite of a letter by Morris Sigman, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, advising manufacturers not to renew agreements with legally elected officers of Local 41.

Local 41 was recently suspended by Sigman in an attempt, it is alleged, to further "right wing" attempts to break up this bona fide union.

Big Response Expected.

Representatives of many shops are expected to attend a two-day conference called for Saturday and Sunday by the Committee of 50 of the Cloak and Dressmakers' Union at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St.

Shop chairmen and shop committees of shops registered with the right wing and those affiliated with the Joint Board, Cloak and Dressmakers' Union will attend, according to yesterday's indications.

Pressers Meet Today.

A group of progressive pressers of Local 35, I. L. G. W. U. announced yesterday that they had issued a call for an open forum to discuss methods of rebuilding the union today at 2 p. m. at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East 4th St. Registered and non-registered pressers are invited in the call.

Pass the Paper to a Fellow Worker! Work Daily for the Daily Worker!

Slush Fund Senators



Many senators have bought their seats, but the work of Senator elect Wm. S. Vare (top) of Pennsylvania, and Frank L. Smith (bottom) of Illinois, was so crude and flagrant that the senate is debating whether it dare admit them.

DEBATE SEATING OF VARE AFTER BARRING SMITH

Reed Slush Fund Committee Again Active

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—After barring Senator-elect Frank L. Smith of Illinois, and reviving the famous Reed slush fund committee the senate this afternoon plunged into debate over the seating of William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, who also tried to bribe his way into the senate.

The Vare supporters went into the battle with heavy hearts in view of the senate's action in denying Smith his oath by the overwhelming majority of 90 to 32. The Reed committee which investigated slush fund charges in both the Pennsylvania and Illinois senatorial primaries, was revived by a vote of 55 to 21, when the senate ordered it to hold further hearings on the charges against Smith.

The only concession won by Smith came when the senate extended him the "privileges of the floor."

Mellon Man Aids Vare.

The Vare defense was opened by Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, one of the Mellon gang of imperialist agents.

Borah Would Seat Vare. Defending the right of Senators-elect William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, and Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, to take their oaths of office, Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, demanded that the senate swear in both men and permit them to speak in their own defense against slush fund charges.

Borah raised some faint hopes of success in the hearts of the Smith and Vare leaders with this declaration but (Continued on Page Two)

THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

Richard B. Moore will lecture on "The Negro Problem" at the Bronx Open Forum Sunday at 8 p. m. at 2075 Clinton Ave., the Bronx.

Daily Worker Readers to See Performance of 'Centuries' Tonight at Playwrights' Theatre

Readers and friends of The DAILY WORKER are expected tonight to crowd into the New Playwrights' Theatre, 40 Commerce St., near Seventh Ave., where Em Jo Bessho's play of New York's east side, "The Centuries," is now playing.

The play—the second to be put on by the insurgent group of dramatists who have broken away from the traditions of Broadway and are

MAY NOT WAIT SANCTION FROM PRESIDENT MAHON; MEN FIRM

Company Played With Arbitration Rule In the Union Constitution; Postponed Issue

(Special To The DAILY WORKER.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—Plans for a strike of Chicago's twenty thousand traction workers are moving ahead and, it is believed, only unforeseen developments can prevent the most complete transportation tie-up here in years. Members of street car and elevated lines unions have voted unanimously to strike to enforce demands for a wage increase.

The wage demand was made in June and the companies agreed to arbitrate to avert a strike. Since then they have blocked every attempt to proceed with the arbitration.

William D. Mahon, national president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees, will be in Chicago Monday at the request of local union officials. The strike call is being withheld for his sanction. Sentiment of the workers is overwhelmingly in favor of an immediate strike. Their wrath against the companies is all the greater for their attempting to evade the demands of the men and the wage issue by stalling off arbitration. It is doubtful if Mahon's failure to approve the walkout, should he decide so, will prevent a strike. The workers demand an increase of 15 cents an hour to raise the scale to 90 cents. Mahon's presence here will not help much unless there is immediate action toward arbitration. William Quinlan, president of the street car men's union, declares.

Little attention has been paid to a statement issued by Mayor Thompson "that there would be no strike." Nothing except movement toward arbitration by the companies will avert it, officials of the union declare.

A special meeting of all traction workers has been called for Dec. 14 by the executive boards of the two unions. This will be the deadline date for a decision of the companies to arbitrate. Judge Kickham Scanlan, "workers' arbitrator," is making eleventh hour attempts to have the companies realize the determination of the workers. So far his efforts have been unavailing.

Calling Bosses' Bluff. "The men have lost patience because of the dilatory tactics employed to arbitrate and insist on a strike or an immediate wage increase," said William Quinlan, president of the Street Car Men's Local. Elevated employees are not involved in the wage dispute, but have promised to strike in sympathy with the surface car men.

Fuller Sneaks Into New York Under An Alias

Protected by members of the bomb squad, and still under the alias, "Peter Bond," he used while skulking through European countries after participating in the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, the blood-streaked governor of Massachusetts, Alvan T. Fuller, sneaked into New York today from the liner "Olympic."

Avoided "Social" Obligations. When asked by reporters why he used a fictitious name to conceal his identity in Paris and other cities, Fuller concocted the lie that it was not to escape the wrath of the workers but to avoid "social obligations," and "to be in a position to have some fun of my own."

He was noncommittal on the subject of entertainment he sought in Paris.

Four Workers Jailed For Distributing An Anti-War Throwaway

Four workers were arrested yesterday near the Morse Dry Dock, Brooklyn, for distributing a leaflet issued by the Workers (Communist) Party entitled "Down With Injunctions."

The workers arrested are Emil Makvita, Thomas Thorsen, Eric Hennonen and Neils Knith. They are held in \$500 bail each. The International Labor Defense is conducting the defense.

BIG NAVY BLOC GETS BUSY ON COOLIDGE PLAN

Will Encounter Only Weak Opposition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Following the lead given by President Coolidge in his message to congress yesterday the "big navy bloc" today swung into action to force through congress a demand for funds to elevate the big 14 and 16-inch guns on battleships so that the firing range will be increased.

Opposition to the elevation of the guns comes from two quarters; one group of opponents declaring that such action would be a violation of the 1921-22 Washington arms limitation conference and bring international complications, particularly in relation to Great Britain and Japan; the other group declaring that an ambitious naval program in a flying age would be a waste of money and substituting for the big navy program a demand for concentration on air forces.

Will Start Fight at Once. The legislative battle was scheduled to break during consideration of the first deficiency bill, made the major business of the house today and tomorrow.

To Ask Appropriation. "I will offer an amendment for the appropriation \$1,000,000 necessary to elevate the guns on the Oklahoma and Nevada," said Rep. Britten, of Illinois, a "big navy" bloc leader.

Rep. McClintic of Oklahoma, another member of the naval affairs committee, will oppose the plan.

Women's Party Now Openly Favors the Long Day for Women

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—How completely the National Woman's Party, which grew out of the old Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and which led the militant suffrage struggle in the years 1914-20, has fallen into the hands of anti-labor elements, was shown at the capitol within an hour after Congress met. Chairman Norris of the senate judiciary committee had consented to meet, immediately, a delegation of the Woman's Party who wanted to urge that this committee hold hearings on their proposed constitutional amendment. This measure proposed "equal rights" under the federal and state laws, as between men and women.

Its real meaning was disclosed in all its industrial significance by Mrs. Jane Norman Smith, the new chairman of the party since the retirement of Miss Alice Paul.

Radio Commission Still Making Air Safe for Its Pets Granted Monopolies

The Federal Radio Commission is preparing to force 300 broadcasting concerns out of the radio field. In the recent International Wireless Conference, Secretary Herbert C. Hoover put over a program designed to keep radio broadcasting control in the hands of private organizations rather than exclusive governmental control. Hoover also attempted to crowd South American countries out by leaving them the least desirable wave lengths. Now the commission is completing the program by crowding out the small concerns.

According to O. H. Caldwell, Commissioner of the New York area, this will be accomplished by discontinuing 300 licenses which were issued Dec. 1st for a sixty day period. Caldwell felt certain that the Supreme court would support this action.

Progressives In House Yield to Administration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The farm bloc has been neutralized and the republican party in the house of congress appears united on the basis of a trivial concession which is meaningless as far as the alleged "principle" upon which this element is supposed to stand is concerned. The majority republicans have offered to permit them to maintain the same relative strength on the agricultural committee in the new congress that they had in the old.

Principles vs. Jobs. That the principles of the farm bloc are something to be bartered for committee jobs was revealed when a truce was patched up when the all-powerful committee on committees selected Representatives Hope of Kansas and Clark of New York to fill two vacancies, with all last year's members re-elected to the house remaining on the committee.

Pennsylvania Wins Again. Philadelphia "Bill" Vane's latest hoodlum congressman, James M. Beck, whose seat in the house has been questioned, was appointed on the important interstate commerce committee. LaGuardia of New York City, former LaFollette supporter who ran on the socialist ticket at the same time he stood as a "progressive" republican, was given a place on the judiciary committee.

Other Committee Appointments. In addition to selecting members of committees in the last congress, the committee on committees recommended the following other republican members:

Judiciary: Homer W. Hall, Illinois and LaGuardia; interstate commerce, Noble Johnson of Indiana and Beck; agriculture, Clarke of New York and Hope of Kansas; rivers and harbors, Hudson of Michigan, Houston of Delaware and Neiderhause of Missouri; foreign affairs, Browne of Wisconsin, Korell of Oregon, Haas of Minnesota; military affairs, Johnson of Illinois, Hughes of West Virginia, Hoffman of New Jersey; naval affairs, Hale of New Hampshire, Evans of California, Taugenherst, Jr., of Ohio, Wolverton of New Jersey, Handcock of New York; post offices and roads, Buckbee of Illinois, Southrich of Pennsylvania, Bonn of Michigan.

In naming Rep. Browne of Wisconsin to the foreign affairs committee the republicans recognized a former Wisconsin insurgent, who was "fired" from the party three years ago.

Missouri Insurance Board Covered Up Company Wash Loan

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—Charging that the Continental Life Insurance Co., and the International Life Insurance Co., both of this city, had made interlocking loans amounting to over fifty percent of their capital stock, the California state insurance commissioner notified the Missouri Insurance Department that he would investigate and asked action from them.

The California commissioner plainly hinted that the Missouri commission was at least careless, and "rushed" examination of insurance companies. He said that Commissioner Hyde of Missouri had admitted some time before while at a meeting in Los Angeles that the Continental was in bad shape, and promised to try and get its affairs straightened out.

The meeting at which the California commissioner made his present charges is an adjourned meeting from the one held in Cleveland, at Cincinnati, last September.

Save Greco and Carrillo!

Ryckoff Demands Dissolution of Opposition In Russian Communist Party Discussion

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This speech by Ryckoff ended the discussion on Stalin's report. In the morning session, workers' delegations from several cities of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics greeted the fifteenth congress. The heads of these delegations emphasized that the achievements of the Soviet Union were the result of the right policy of the Party.

Activity in Baku. When the debate upon Stalin's report was resumed, Mirzoyan, delegate from Baku, declared: "The Opposition in Baku is manifesting keen activity. Sarkis, the leader of the Baku Opposition, predicted that the Opposition would not engage in real struggle until after the fifteenth congress."

"Therefore, it is a question of whom to believe, Kamenev, who swore that the Opposition would submit to all the decisions of the Party, or Sarkis, foretelling the continuation of the struggle. Kamenev's declaration is merely a maneuver whereby the Opposition seeks to gain time in order to break their promises at any moment."

After speeches by Radchenko of the Ukraine and Riutin of Moscow, Tomsky, in his speech declared, "Kamenev, in the first part of his speech, speaks of a reconciliation with the Party, while in the second part, he speaks of the intention of the Opposition to carry on its struggle."

Hostile to Leninism. "As a matter of fact, the Opposition persists in defending its viewpoint which is intolerable for the Party, since Trotskyism is incompatible with Leninism. The Opposition seeks to get amnesty from the Party, and yet it wishes to bring in its miserable baggage—Ruth Fischer, Maslov, Souvarine, etc."

"And what does it give the Party in return? The Opposition declares that it agrees to the dissolution of the fraction. However, the Party itself undertakes this operation. The Opposition is clearly trying to obtain breathing space. Actually, the Opposition stands upon the threshold of the Party, and must choose between either to return to the Party—or to expulsion."

Muralov Stopped. Muralov, whose speech was constantly interrupted by cries of protest from the delegates, put forward the Opposition's compromise. He pretended that the Party refused to discuss its views, etc. Muralov's words provoked unanimous indignation from the delegates, so that eventually Muralov was compelled to give up his attempt at making a speech.

Nikolskaya, who at the time of the fourteenth congress was still among the opposition ranks, declared that the workers demand strong measures against the opposition, which, thru Trotskyism had been robbed of judgment.

Opposition's Defeat. Larin declared that the discussion proves the utter defeat of the opposition politically, morally and ideologically. While at the fourteenth congress, the opposition could be characterized as a petty bourgeois group, during the period which led up to the fifteenth congress, it became the instrument of the bourgeoisie.

(Special Cable to THE DAILY WORKER.) MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 6.—Yesterday's session of the Fifteenth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union showed the whole congress as one man behind the Central Committee of the Party, unanimously approving its Leninist policy. All the speakers emphasized the fact that the Opposition must be liquidated in the interest of further socialist construction.

Opposition Splits With Workers. The keynote of the congress was expressed by Krupskaya declared: "The main cause of all the mistakes of the Opposition is that they no longer feel the needs of the working class. A number of elements have joined the Opposition and thus have brought it to an abyss. There can be no treaty relations with the Opposition."

Some See Error. Declaring that in the ranks of the Opposition are many individuals who already have perceived its mistakes, Krupskaya said that at the same time contains many who are using it in order to carry on their activities which are hostile to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

War Danger. "Rakovsky has declared, as the Opposition has already said in the plenary session of the Central committee in August, that it will in the event of a danger of war, defend the Soviet Union conditionally under the present leadership of the Communist Party and the Communist International. In the field of international policy the Party has made many mistakes. The Party underestimates the policy of the world bourgeoisie aiming at the full isolation of the Soviet Union. On the other hand it overestimated the sympathies of the toiling masses," Krupskaya said.

Rudzutuk, amidst loud applause, declared, "Rakovsky's speech reflects his petty bourgeois conception. He is now speaking of the danger from abroad; but quite recently we heard the Opposition say that the greatest danger was the Party regime. Rakovsky's statement that the Opposition is willing to defend the Soviet Union in the event of war danger is simply laughable."

Schwab Points Out Collaboration Is Substitute for Pay

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers last night heard Chas. M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation talk on "Human Engineering," or the trick of plucking the most feathers from the working goose with the least squawking, and presented a medal to Leon P. Alfred for his paper on "The Laws of Management."

Schwab said that the company union, or "workers' participation in management" in the steel corporation had resulted in giving seventeen per cent of the stock in the company to the men, in lieu of pay, and practically eliminating "labor troubles." Schwab prescribed a series of paternal restrictions on working men, but no restrictions on their hours of labor, instead, he declared: "Happiness does not lie along the road of abolishing work, for work is the cornerstone of real happiness. It lies in the doing of the day's work with a zest and good will, under the spur of encouragement, and rewarded with the satisfaction of achievement."

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Debate Seating of Vane After Barring Smith

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he dashed them a moment later by declaring that the senate had the power and should exert it to expel both later by a majority vote.

Borah's speech, re-opening the slight fund debate, dealt entirely with constitutional questions.

Overrules Borah. As soon as Borah concluded, the first of the original Norris resolutions—which would have excluded Smith at once—was modified to deny him the oath and refer his case to the Reel slush fund committee for further hearings. The modification was offered by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, in the absence of Senator Norris of Nebraska, the author.

The Smith force retaliated by offering a substitute resolution, through Senator Deneen (R) of Illinois, which would give Smith his oath and await the final disposition of the slush fund case.

No Hope For Smith. The action temporarily excluded Smith from the senate and even his most sanguine followers do not hope for a reversal of the decision in the future.

The vote came when the senate defeated a resolution, offered by Senator Deneen of Illinois, asking that the oath be administered to the public utility trust crook, Frank L. Smith, pending final settlement of the slush fund charges raised against his primary campaign.

Twenty-seven republicans and five democrats voted to give the oath to Smith while 13 republicans, 69 democrats, and one farmer laborer voted against him.

Slush Fund Senators. Those voting to administer the oath were: republicans, Bingham, Borah, Beckhart, Curtis, Deneen, Edge, East, Gillett, Goff, Gould, Greene, Hale, Keyes, McLean, Metcalf, Moses, Phipps, Pine, Reed (Penn.), Sackett, Schall, Shortridge, Smoot, Steiwer, Warren, Watson and Waterman-28.

Democrats: Bleasie, Broussard, Overman, Ransdell and Smith. (S. C.)-5.

The vote adopting the Norris resolution was 53 to 28. On this vote, Brookhart and Curtis voted against Smith.

Warren and Overman after voting for Smith on the first ballot refrained from voting.

Will Set Smith Table. After barring Smith the senate agreed unanimously to give him the "privileges of the floor," so that he can speak in his own defense on the floor, even though not a member of the senate.

Then the Smith forces lost again, when the senate rejected by a vote of 29 to 55 a motion by Deneen to refer the case to the republican control committee.

Chicago I. L. D. Bazaar and Dance

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—December 9th, 10th and 11th—three nights and two afternoons at Wicker Park Hall, 2040 W. North Ave., near Robey—these are the dates and this is the place of the annual Labor Defense Bazaar and Dance in Chicago.

It is for the benefit of the defense of many cases of arrest, persecution and "frame-up" of workers throughout the country and to help the seventy class-prisoners, their wives and children in America, especially now with a holiday remembrance.

The admission to the bazaar is low in cost, and the entertainment program unusually good this year. The crowd will surely be bigger than ever on each night and afternoon of the Bazaar. The doors will be open at 6:45 p. m. on Friday night and at 2:15 p. m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and on each evening a regular home-cooked supper will be served between 6:15 and 7:30 p. m. On Sunday afternoon a class-prisoners' tableau will be one of the features of the program.

Conference Called for Miners' Relief, Dec. 13; Pennsylvania-Ohio

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners' Relief Committee is issuing a call for a conference to all working class organizations in these states, for the purpose of devising plans to relieve the striking miners in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The conference will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 13 at 312 E. Superior Ave., on the fourth floor.

Miners Face Hardships. The committee feels that the miners, who have been subjected to evictions, terrorism and even murder, must not be weakened by hunger. Thousands of miners and their families will be forced to face the bitter cold this winter, and the Relief organization will make every attempt to lessen the suffering. Sympathetic working class organizations are urged to cooperate by sending delegates to the convention.



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FARMERS PROTEST CONDITIONS IN CHICAGO MEETING

Call for Co-operative Marketing

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Declaring that if aid were not extended to the American farmer he would soon find himself in the condition of the European peasant, two thousand farmers of the American Farm Bureau Federation in their annual convention here have stated their immediate demands.

"We base our demand squarely upon the principles in operation in this country in connection with cooperative marketing," S. H. Thompson, president of the Federation declared. "This in my opinion, is the only sound principle upon which a basic permanent agricultural policy can be established."

It is estimated that on the average the American farmer made not more than \$85 last year against \$2,010 in the nation as a whole.

War Planes in Industry Debated at Air Meeting; Tests Are Ridiculed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Shall war airplanes be excluded from the passenger service was the topic debated at the conference of designers, manufacturers and operators which has opened at the Department of Commerce. It is claimed that the increased number of passengers carried will soon make the use of the old war planes, with their limited space, unprofitable. The passenger planes are instantly convertible for bombing purposes in case of war.

Clarence Chamberlin, trans-Atlantic flier, ridiculed the medical requirements which are demanded of pilots. Dr. Louis H. Bauer, who answered him, pointed out that the physical tests are discriminative, not applying to trained pilots.

Secretary Hoover, in opening the meeting, called attention to the policy of the department in cooperating with the airplane industry.

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What Does January 13th Mean to Workers?

"OPPOSITION" IN RUMANIA READY TO BACK CAROL

New Lineup Reported; Carol Awaits Return

PARIS, Dec. 7. — Leaders of the three Rumanian political factions that were in opposition to the Bratianu regime are reported to have agreed to form a coalition cabinet on condition that parliament be dissolved and former Crown Prince Carol be recalled, according to a Bucharest telegram.

It is understood that the new cabinet would be constructed by former Premier Averescu, M. Maniu and M. Jorga, the latter two being leaders of the national-peasant group.

Carol Ready To Return

PARIS, Dec. 7. — Declaring that he is ready to return to Rumania, former Crown Prince Carol told press correspondents here that "the need for central authority in Rumania is apparent and my love for my country compels me to desire to realize the union which is so needed." "I would undertake my task with joy," Carol continued, "I insist on that. Rumania is now so torn by factions that the situation is becoming dangerous." This is the first statement which Carol has given the press since the death of Jon Bratianu.

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Envoy Guarded



Ahmed Mouskhar Bey, new Turkish ambassador to the United States, has arrived at Washington under a constant guard. He was severely attacked by James W. Gerard, former United States ambassador to Germany, who is believed to represent oil interests that would profit by the establishment of an Armenian "republic" to include Soviet and Turkish Armenia.

American Workers Greet Masses of The Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Nov. 12. (By Mail). — The American Trade Union Delegation on a visit to the Soviet Union to see for themselves how the masses in the first proletarian republic were progressing economically, extended greetings to the workers and peasants who are building up a socialist economy in the former stronghold of reaction.

The following statement was issued by William Watkins, chairman of the delegation:

To the Workers and Peasants of the Soviet Union.

Brothers: We, the second American Trade Union Delegation visiting the Soviet Union in 1927, hereby extend our heartiest greetings to the proletarians of the U. S. S. R. on the Tenth Anniversary of your great revolution.

We are overwhelmed by the sight of your remarkable achievements. Merely reading about your accomplishments in faraway America gave us but a slight idea of your struggles, and, being desirous of a better understanding of your aims, ideals and accomplishments, we were impelled to visit your remarkable country and see for ourselves the U. S. S. R. of the Proletarian Workers and Peasants. Successful Struggle Against Czarism

When we consider that ten years is but a very short period in which to establish a socialist society, and that these ten years include your successful struggle against Czarism, landlordism, and then of counter-revolution against your proletarian state, and of famine and disease and imperialist blockades. When we consider that in spite of these insurmountable obstacles you have not only won the old Czarist empire for the workers' and peasants' republic, but that you have actually organized your production of the necessities of life and disciplined yourselves for service to each other in the most remarkable trade union movement in history. When we see you constructing new buildings, finer ones than in capitalist America, when we see you building tools and machines almost with your

DESPATCH MORE BOMB PLANES IN WAR ON SANDINO

Liberals Gain in North of Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 7. — Bombing planes, equipped with machine guns, have been ordered from here to northern Nicaragua in the campaign to wipe out liberal troops connected with the army of General Sandino.

Reports of liberal successes which recently resulted in the capture of five towns by General Sandino and a complete defeat for the native national guard, are believed to have been responsible for the despatch of the extra planes. Reports that two members of the native guard have been killed in a clash with liberal troops have been received here.

The United States Marines' air force has been "effectively" used against Nicaraguan liberals. More than three hundred Nicaraguans, most of them unarmed men, women and children were killed earlier in the year, when American planes bombed Ocotol.

Almost a thousand Nicaraguans have been killed by American marines since Col. Stimson's "peace" in May. Bombing planes accounted for a large portion of the casualties.

Police Look On as Rumanian Fascists Kill 3, Wound 40

BUDAPEST, Dec. 7. — Three Hungarians were killed and at least forty others wounded, some critically, during an attack of Rumanian nationalists on the Hungarian and Jewish inhabitants of the border town of Oradiera Mare.

The struggle began when Rumanian students, who are holding a congress in the Oradiera Mare, attacked the Hungarian club, shouting, "Kill the Jews and Hungarians!" The police refused to interfere.

Oradiera Mare, previously Nagyvassard, is in the Transylvanian territory awarded to Rumania as her share of war loot.

Commission Reports Terror. Race hatred and discrimination, terrorism, maladministration and religious persecution are a few of the charges brought against Rumanian officials by the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities. The report was issued after a careful first hand study and digest of conditions.

After calling attention to "the widespread and ugly manifestation of racial and religious hatred" throughout Rumania the report refers to the misdeeds of the officials, especially in the outlying districts where the chances of detection are less.

bare hands, then only do we begin to realize the splendor of your achievements.

Hail the Workers' and Peasants' Republic!

Hail the Construction of the Socialist Society!

Hail the triumph of the workers of the world in building a lasting union of all the nations under the banner of the workers and peasants!

Save Greco and Carrillo

GLORIFYING THE ART OF MURDER



Major Brainard of the United States marine corps aviation forces landed in Nicaragua after flight from Miami. This is part of the business of romanticizing the marines' flying force which yesterday despatched several more bombing planes against General Sandino who is leading the heroic struggle against the United States occupation of Nicaragua.

Walkout of Dockers In Australia Over

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 7. — The settlement of the Australian dockworkers' strike which began last Friday and which involved more than fifty thousand men ended today.

Altho the terms of the agreement have not yet been made public, they are believed to have been favorable to the men. The completeness with which the dockers tied up Australian shipping and the threat of miners to join in a sympathetic strike are believed to have forced the shippers to yield to the strikers' terms.

The men had refused to work overtime under the terms of the old arbitration award. For several days shipping was halted so completely that it severely affected the export and the mining industries in addition to shipping.

Crucible Steel Process Superseded by Electric

LONDON, Dec. 7. — Steel making by electric induction has begun in Sheffield. The new process marks an advance over the old crucible method, as one furnace heats 450 pounds of steel in an hour.

The heat is generated by an alternating electric current developed in a square wooden box which remains so cool that the hand can be placed on it. The heat is induced somewhat in the way a wireless set picks up ether waves.

German Cabinet Just Gets by in Reichstag

BERLIN, Dec. 7. — A vote of confidence taken in the Reichstag yesterday gave the Government a narrow majority of twenty-seven votes. The Government vote totaled 229, while the total vote against the Government was 192.

Murder and War Plans.

"Facts showing the tendency of military aggression of the period under review are: British not regarding financial assistance to striking miners; raids in Peking, Tientsin, and Shanghai; raid in Arcos; rupture between England and the USSR; the murder of Volkoff; terrorist acts of British hirelings towards USSR and the aggravation in the relations with France over the question of Rakovsky's recall.

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Hide Machine Guns Upon Bank of England; Could Rake Streets With Fire

LONDON, Dec. 7. — The two small recesses in the top of the blank wall of the Bank of England, have been revealed as carefully concealed posts for machine-gun snipers. The nature of the recesses which have generally been regarded as panelling, was disclosed recently when repairs were made. It is estimated that four machine guns could in an emergency be posted so as to sweep all the approaches to the Bank with their fire.

American International Workers Aid Delegates Select Films in USSR

MOSCOW (By Mail). — The American delegation from International Workers' Aid, consisting of Comrades Fred Beidenkapp, chairman, Helen Douglas, Fred Douglas, and Robert Wolf, with the novelist Theodore Dreiser as guest of the delegation, have arrived in Moscow.

In addition to representing their organization at the anniversary ceremonies, the delegates are here to select from among the films produced by Mezhrabpom-Russ, the RPSR branch of IWA, and other Soviet film producers, those best adapted to inaugurating this branch of IWA work in the United States.

Martial Law in San Salvador Is Declared

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 7. — An official statement issued here last night declared that the government had declared martial law.

Orders have been issued for the arrest of former President Jorge Melendez.

Motion for Congress To Investigate the Hearst Forgery Mill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. — Congressional investigation of the Hearst newspaper forgeries of Mexican and liberal Nicaraguan government documents was proposed in the House today in a resolution offered by Rep. Loring Black (D) of New York.

Stating that the documents on which the "expose" was based are of "high importance to our diplomatic relations with Mexico and other powers" and that "the authenticity of such documents has been questioned through the press of Mexico," Black declared that congress should investigate their authenticity.

Steel Strike Looms In Germany; Bosses Refuse 8-Hour Day

ESSEN, Germany, Dec. 7. — A strike of 250,000 German iron and steel workers loomed today when employers turned down the union's demand for increased wages and an eight hour day. Negotiations ended with a strike more likely than ever.

Little is expected to come out of the action of the mediator of the Ministry of Labor before whom both sides are scheduled to appear. The steel manufacturers threaten to shut down their plants January 1st if the union does not accept their terms.

All of the German steel manufacturers in the Reich are ready to support the attempt of the Rhenish steel producers to keep down union wages, it is believed.

European Steel Trust May Split as Belgians Repudiate Quota Rule

PARIS, Dec. 7. — The leaders of the European Steel Trust have failed to heal the rifts which have developed between the steel capitalists of the various nations in the cartel. The present fight is being forced by the Belgians who have refused to accept their export quota on finished steel products.

Germany also is compelled to maintain her super-production and with her home markets depressed, will have to seek for markets abroad. The situation is regarded as very discouraging by most members of the cartel who see in the Belgian revolt, a peril to the whole European trust movement.

STRAUSS ALMOST KILLED.

VIENNA, Nov. 7. — Richard Strauss, well-known composer, barely escaped death in a train accident in Siegmundshurg.

POLAND AIMS AT LITHUANIA COUP, LEAGUE IS TOLD

Premier Asks, League for Frontier Probe

GENEVA, Dec. 7. — Charging President Pilsudski of Poland, with planning a coup d'etat against the Lithuanian government, Premier Augustine Waldemaras, of Lithuania, today directly appealed to the League of Nations council.

"We have every reason to believe that President Pilsudski is preparing a coup d'etat in Lithuania to enforce a settlement of the Vilna dispute favorable to Poland," declared Waldemaras. "Therefore, we ask the league to send an investigating committee to examine both sides of the frontier question."

President Pilsudski, of Poland, who has announced that "Poland must retain Vilna," has not arrived here from Warsaw.

The council adopted a resolution proposed by Gen. Betancourt that press censorship shall be abolished in time of peace. This resolution provided also for equal treatment of foreign journalists in the use of telephone and telegraph facilities.

The press resolutions adopted were a part of the work submitted by the conference of press experts that met in Geneva this summer. Other portions of the conference resolutions were adopted at the last meeting of the League.

With the council's action in adopting the program set forth by the press conference, this program will now be submitted to the various nations by the council with recommendations that laws be enacted to carry out the proposals set forth. The most important of which contained in resolutions declaring that there is no property right in news as news, but that quasi property rights can be established only when there is unfair competition in the sale and distribution of news.

U. S. S. R. Delegation Leaves.

The Soviet Union delegation to the arms conference, headed by Maxim Litvinoff, left yesterday morning. Litvinoff declared that he would return to Geneva in March when the arms conference meets again.

Turkish Press Replies To Gerard's Attacks on Envoy to United States

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7. — Former ambassador James W. Gerard's attack on the Turkish ambassador to Washington, Ahmed Mouskhar Bey, together with the United States' opposition to the ratification of the Treaty of Lausanne, has caused a storm of anti-American comment in the Turkish press. The American ambassador to Turkey, Grew, is doing his utmost to silence the press attacks.

Stalin Stresses U. S. S. R. Peace Policy

(Continued from Page One)

the commercial treaty with Turkey, the situation of conflicts with Switzerland, neutrality pact with Persia, improved relations with Japan, the growing economic ties with America and Italy.

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creasing might of the USSR and the growing authority of the working class in every country amidst the oppressed classes of the whole world.

Party Tasks.

"Hence follow the tasks of the party. First, in the domain of the international revolutionary movement: a struggle for the development of Communist parties of the whole world, a struggle for the strengthening of the revolutionary trade unions and united front of the workers against the onslaught of capital, a struggle for the consolidation of friendship between the working class of the U.S.S.R. and the working class in other countries, a struggle for the strengthening of the union between the working class of the USSR and the liberative movement in colonial countries. Secondly, in the domain of the foreign policy of the USSR: the party policy is for a struggle against the preparation of new imperialist wars, against the interventionist tendencies of Britain and for strengthening of the defensive capacity of the USSR, a policy of peace and maintaining peaceful relations with capitalist countries, for enlarging our trade with foreign countries on the basis of a consolidation of the monopoly of foreign trade, rapprochement with so-called 'weak and unequal' countries under the oppression of exploiting dominating imperialist powers."

Increase Production.

Referring to the economy of the Soviet Union, Stalin continued: "Our policy must be to encourage the growth of production in all sections of our national economy. The Party policy must be to accelerate industrial development, to secure for industry a leading role in our national economy, it must guarantee the growing proportional weight in the Socialist sector of the national economy at the expense of the capitalist sector; it must ensure the economic development and organization of new branches of industry and of the production of raw materials to ensure the country's economic independence; it must ensure the dictatorship of the proletariat, composed of a workers-peasants bloc, under the leadership of the proletariat; it must ensure the steady development of the material position of the working class and the poor peasantry."

Rapid Growth.

"Our economy is growing rapidly. It is not merely growing in production but in definite direction. The decisive development of the factors of industrialization, the growing role of industry must be ensured.

"The development of industrialization, whose aim is to increase the weight of Socialist forms of production, the development of Socialist trade at the expense of private capital must be furthered.

Eliminating Capitalist Elements.

"Total production of Socialist industry was eighty-six per cent of total industrial production. In 1926-7. Private capital is dwindling, and the role of big private industry and trade is becoming less and less important. The country is marching rapidly toward Socialism and is eliminating the capitalist elements from national economy.

Beating Capitalism.

"Our industry, particularly our Socialist industry — outdistances the industrial developments in capitalist countries.

"The unprecedented development of big nationalized industry, freed from the anti-social interests of capitalist groups affording the possibility of serving the interests of the whole of society, and most of all the development of a concentrated world industry capable of beating private capitalist industry, the state monopoly of transport, credits, foreign trade and the budget make possible planned development of nationalized industry.

"Nationalized industry being the most powerful section of industry can follow the policy of steadily reducing the cost of production and selling price, cheapening production and extending markets and creating a source for the further development of production.

(Another cable from Moscow tomorrow will give more of Stalin's speech and other news of the congress).

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MARRIAGE AND PROPERTY RIGHTS.

THE COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE. By Judge Ben Lindsey & Winwright Evans. Boni & Liveright. \$3.

BEN LINDSEY is a man of courage and understanding. He judges life as he finds it and has the backbone to declare his findings in the face of social prejudice and corruption. For his honesty he has been removed as judge of the Denver Juvenile Court by the Ku Klux Klan.

Lindsey's book *The Revolt of Youth*, based on his experience in that previous court, was a great contribution to a better understanding of the wicked younger generation. The present book *The Companionate Marriage* is a fine expose of the hypocrisy, jealousy and property ideology which prevail in sex life. But the judge writes no mere expose. He wishes to popularize a definite plan for a social reform which he calls the companionate marriage.



Judge Lindsey

In this book are related a great many interesting cases which came before him in the domestic relations court he conducted in Denver. All these happy and unhappy affairs bring out a number of salient truths. For instance, that economic necessity forces the wide-spread practice of bootleg birth control, in spite of legal prohibition; that many young people resent the idea of marrying for better or for worse into all eternity, as our existing laws seem to demand; that innumerable couples on in years, irk under the strain of compulsory continued married life and take for-bidden relaxation outside marriage, while pretending all's well; in short, that the whole of sex life is saturated with superstition, dishonesty, rottenness.

Judge Lindsey, therefore, earnestly calls for a change in marriage laws to conform more with human needs. He wants the companionate marriage. This, he says, is a childless marriage for so long as the partners desire it to be such. To make people feel like law-abiding citizens while practicing birth control, Lindsey demands that the dissemination of knowledge of contraceptives be made legal. He also thinks it necessary to allow divorce by mutual consent so long as a couple remains childless. His argument is, there being no children, society can have no possible interest in forcing two people to continue married.

These ideas are sensible enough and are certainly required for saner living. The trouble is that the strength of the forces this reform bucks up against, are enormous. The doctors who make infinitely more out of the present anarchy in sex life than they could make out of giving a little simple information on contraceptives, are dead against it. The lawyers whose maintenance depends to such a large extent upon the intricacies and intrigues of marriage and divorce maneuvers under the present laws, throw up their hands in horror. The churches whose stock in trade is ignorance, call out hell-fire against the proposed reform. The capitalists—the mine owners, for example, who are not troubled about mine explosions because of the plentiful supply of workers—what would they say to legalized birth control? Finally, the politicians of the capitalist state, zealously guarding all these private interests, have their jaws set against such innovations as Judge Lindsey's.

In a word, the great bulwark of capitalist society based upon property rights, private gain, profit-fleeing, blocks the way of the judge's proposed reform. Or, to put it differently, Judge Lindsey's companionate marriage involves a superstructural change based on human needs, while the fundamental structure of American society still remains rooted in private profit. The judge has a hard job on his hands—as have all reformers patiently pricking away at the superstructure of capitalist society.

What a great contrast between the painful travail necessary to bring even the slightest reforms under capitalism, and the ease with which major reforms have taken place in Soviet Russia. Here is demonstrated the truth that with one revolutionary sweep the foundation of superstructural rubbish is cleared away also. Institutions founded on private interest lose their raison d'être. Changes come almost of themselves. So in its sex life Russia is arriving at a basis that accords with living needs. It has gone much further in the direction of human requirements than Judge Lindsey's companionate marriage contemplates.

Doubtless Judge Lindsey knows about the prodigious changes going on in Russia. Such changes are brought about the same way, fundamentally, everywhere—even in America.

—SUSAN GREENE.

THE MYTH OF COOLIDGE PROSPERITY.

THE COOLIDGE PROGRAM: Capitalist Democracy and Prosperity Exposed. By Jay Lovestone. Workers Library Publishers. Price 5 cents.

SIMULTANEOUS with the opening of congress appears this pamphlet that, because of its adequate, concise and yet comprehensive analysis of present conditions in the United States, blasts the myth of Coolidge prosperity. It is a handbook for workers who desire facts instead of fiction regarding the condition of their class.

The pamphlet is a reply to Coolidge's address before the Union League Club of Philadelphia and anticipates the address to congress of the principal Wall Street puppet. It is not confined merely to a restatement of the fact that the government is the agent of the imperialists, but presents unimpeachable proof of that fact, exposing its ramifications in various parts of the world.

The illusion of high wages is also exploded by a recital of statistics that proves that the vast majority of the inhabitants of this country are receiving less than a living wage, while the intensity of exploitation throws workers on the scrap heap with the rest of the industrial wreckage more quickly than in any other country.

"The Coolidge Program," by Jay Lovestone, is the second of the series of Workers Library publications, and the price is so low that workers can buy them in lots and distribute them to their shop mates.

—H. M. WICKS.

A VITAL AMERICAN NOVEL.

A GOOD WOMAN. By Louis Bromfield. Frederick A. Stokes Co. \$2.50. ONE feels from the very beginning of this book that the author is not doing his work full justice in the choice of his title. His theme is broader. It is true, a "good woman" dominates the story. A good, Christian, criminally righteous woman. She dominates also the lives of other people, including her son, interfering in their actions, directing their paths in a manner that from the beginning one senses unerring tragedy.

Yet it is not only a picture of a "good woman." It is also a panoramic, vivid view of a whole section of American life today. The story is told with power and is painted on a background of a mid-western steel town, with a real feeling of social consciousness and the forces that mould the lives of these people.

In the main it is not a story of the workers in the mills. They, their misery, their struggles are simply and sympathetically woven into the background of the story. Through one senses not only this sympathy but an intimate knowledge of it as well. In the drama of a long drawn-out, losing strike, with the attending tragic consequences to the workers, the author pictures the situation in vivid scenes and yet without losing sight of something bigger which he sees in the aspirations of labor.

Splendidly done is the reaction of the parasite "Town" that lives on the "Mills" when the workers go on strike; the rising of the patriots who form the vigilantes, the clamor of the church and the rabidness of the press that rises to the defense of the "sacred rights of property." It is a gruesome picture of the rottenness and hypocrisy that is bred of this social strata in the industrial city.

A Good Woman is no biting, critical exposure of all this. One rather glimpses all of it between and behind the figures in the drama as it unfolds itself, and here and there throws these facts to the foreground. Yet you are aware that this is the soil from which the drama must spring.

The book is the work of a fine writer seeking to give us some insight into the changing social life of today. There is a sureness about every step of it. The individual characters are authentic and alive. The background is one phase of industrial America today.

—WALT CARMON.

Cecil Rhodes, India and British Labor Party Leaders

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE.

Another betrayal of the masses of workers and peasants of India is being prepared by the official leadership of the British Labor Party headed by Ramsay MacDonald.

The Baldwin government has appointed a commission to investigate conditions in India, go over the Indian constitution and recommend certain changes.

Not a single Indian is on the commission but two members of the Labor Party are former ministers of the labor government under MacDonald—Stephen Walsh and Major Atlee.

"Mother India."

The appointment of this commission follows the wide distribution of Katherine Mayo's book "Mother India," imperialist propaganda and special pleading for British rule in India of the most vicious kind.

There has been some criticism by Ellen Wilkinson of the bill creating the commission but as the London correspondent of the New York Times observes, "The comments of the Laborites were a sufficient indication the criticism was made for political capital rather than serious opposition."

Ramsay MacDonald has stated that he supports the government in creating the commission and his reactionary position is under attack by the Communists and left elements in the labor party.

It is stated that not since the discussion on the betrayal of the general strike have the inner differences in the Labor Party been so clearly defined as on this question of outright support of British imperialism by Labor Party leaders.

The position of MacDonald is an open scandal in the labor movement and the official labor party leadership and right wing union officialdom is not helped by the endorsement of the government's Blaneburgh report, recommending "readjustments" in the unemployment relief by Margaret Bondfield and other labor leaders.

Weak Opposition.

But the opposition to "cooperation with the government in planning further suppression of the Indian nationalist movement, is weakened by the extremely unclear and cautious nature of the criticisms it is making.

Ellen Wilkinson, for instance, writing in the New Leader, makes no criticism whatever of those labor officials who are playing Baldwin's game but confines herself to criticism of the government. She even manages to get in, relative to another matter, some praise of MacDonald.

"One would hardly have thought that this government need have gone out of its way to look for trouble, but it is certainly going to find quite a lot as the result of its Commission on the Indian Constitution," says Ellen Wilkinson. Lord Birkenhead is warned that "if he imagines that 300 millions of people in India are going to submit to the sort of bullying superiority which lost Britain her American colonies, his pride is likely to receive a rude shock. The only answer which the Indian leaders can give to a commission which includes no Indian names is the boycott which is already threatened." (Our emphasis.)

Typical Comment.

Ellen Wilkinson's comment is typical of the imperialist tinge which is to be found in all the speeches and articles of British labor leaders with the exception of the Communists and their supporters.

Wilkinson puts the problem as one for the Indians and not for the British labor movement and does not forget to mention the danger of losing India as a colony. Instead of threatening the Tory government with action by the Labor Party and the unions Wilkinson leaves all the fighting to be done by the masses of India.

The Record of Labor Officialdom. The British Labor leadership is saturated with the virus of imperialism. It is recorded that no more arrogant messages were ever sent by a British premier to colonial peoples than those of MacDonald to China and India when he headed the government and it is likewise a matter of record on the word of Bertrand Russell that whatever formal protest has been made by official British labor party leaders against the invasion of China and the Indian atrocities, was made under pressure from the rank and file of the workers.

In their failure to support the colonial peoples against imperialist aggression, in their support of the imperialist program for keeping them enslaved, the official leaders by their deeds echo the statement of Cecil Rhodes, the arch-imperialist, quoted by Lenin in his Imperialism:

"My chief idea is the solution of the social problem, that is, in order to save the inhabitants of the United Kingdom from a murderous civil war, we the colonialists, should secure new territories for the purpose of settling the surplus population on them, for the purpose of having new territories in which we can dispose of the goods produced in our factories and brought up from our mines. I have always said that imperialism is a question of the stomach. If you do not want a civil war, then you must become imperialists." (Our emphasis.)

Following the Rhodes Policy. In accord with this simple doctrine, the official labor leadership—not only

in Britain but in all other imperialist nations—makes war upon the colonial peoples instead of fighting the imperialist rulers. The result is that with the aid of these elements, imperialism keeps in subjection millions of workers and peasants in the colonial countries, robs them, gives a small part of the loot to its allies in ranks of the working class movement and strengthens itself sufficiently to keep both colonial peoples and workers at home in subjection.

The British Labor Party leadership therefore is betraying not merely the Indian peoples in this particular instance but the British working class as well. To strengthen the grip of the imperialists on the Indian peoples, to discredit the British labor movement in the eyes of the Indian masses, is directly in opposition to the interests of the British workers. The only ones who benefit by such a policy are the imperialists.

Bertrand Russell admits frankly that the influential official leaders of the British labor movement are imperialists. Their action in endorsing the Indian Commission, a new instrument for riveting more tightly the chains of imperialism on the Indian masses, confirms this statement, made shamelessly in the columns of the Jewish Daily Forward.

Leaders and Masses.

MacDonald's open approval of the Tory maneuver against Indian independence will widen the rift in the Labor Party between the official leadership and the growing left wing under Communist leadership. It is probable that mass pressure may force elements of the type of Lansbury, Wilkinson, etc., into open if feeble opposition on this question.

For the British workers, since the support of the government's Indian program by MacDonald, it will be clearer that nowhere do the basic differences between Communists and social democrats appear in more definite form than on issues which involve the relations between the working class in imperialist countries and the masses in the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

The social democrats reject the alliance between the workers and colonial peoples. Whenever possible, as in Great Britain now, the social democrat leaders work hand in hand with the imperialists. The second international is an imperialist agency.

The Communist Position.

The Communist International, in the thesis of its second congress, written by Lenin, states:

"The policy of the Communist International on the national and colonial questions must be chiefly to bring about a union of the proletariat and working masses of all nations and countries for a joint revolutionary struggle leading to the overthrow of land owners and capitalists. For only such a union can assure the victory over capitalism, without which national inequality and oppression cannot be abolished."

The British working class cannot free itself if it follows the colonial policy of its rulers, if it does not make the cause of the colonial peoples its own.

It is a double betrayal that is being perpetrated by the MacDonalds, Hendersons, Clynes, Thomases and all leaders who fail to fight it to the utmost.

India has been called by British statesmen "the brightest jewel in the imperial diadem." The role of the official labor leadership is the joint one of keeper of the crown jewels and hangerman of the Indian workers and peasants.

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DRAMA

"The Love Nest"
Coming to Comedy
Theatre December 22

The group of players recently seen in Dunsany's "If" at the Little Theatre, who call themselves the Actor-Managers, have begun rehearsals of Robert Emmet Sherwood's "The Love Nest," and will open at the Comedy Theatre, Dec. 22. The Actor-Managers have incorporated, and have concluded plans for a producing program which will carry them through the remainder of the season. The Comedy Theatre will be the home of the organization during that period. Immediately after the opening of "The Love Nest," preparations will begin for the production of "Maya," the play by Simon Gantillon which had a run at the Champs Elysees Studio Theatre in Paris last year. Ernest Boyd has made the translation and Aline Bernstein is now designing the sets and costumes. The third production will be "Filipote," by Jules Lemaitre, to be followed in the spring by the annual "Grand Street Follies," for which, another name will have to be found. The tentative one is "So This is New York!"

The cast for "The Love Nest," will include, besides June Walker, Clyde Fillmore, Guy Phillips, Paula Trueman, Marc Loebell and Albert Carroll.

Broadway Briefs

Winthrop Ames makes his first public excursion into the field of magic on Christmas night when in the Booth Theatre he will present Keating, for a fortnight of special holiday performances, which will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, Wednesday mornings, and Sunday nights (December 25 and January 1). "Escape," Galsworthy's play, will continue at the regular evening and Wednesday and Saturday matinees at the Booth.

Esther Howard, the comedienne of "Sunny," has been engaged for "The New Moon," the new Schwab and Mandel operetta due here around the holidays.

"The Cocoon," a comedy of morals, adapted by C. M. Selling from the original manuscript by Camille Schaller, is the play which the Civic

POLLY WALKER



With George M. Cohan in "The Merry Malones" at Erlanger's Theatre.

Players Guild will unfurl at the Intimate Playhouse in the Bronx, on December 26.

The Laboratory Theatre will be dark Monday, Tuesday and present Knut Hamsun's "At the Gate of the Kingdom" tonight. This is the first of Hamsun's plays to be produced in English in America.

S. N. Behrman's play "The Second Man," produced here by the Theatre Guild last season, opens in London in January. Noel Coward, will play the role done here by Alfred Lunt.

The opening date of "Marco Millions," by the way, has been set for January 9, at the Guild Theatre. It will alternate with the production of "The Doctor's Dilemma" now current at the Guild.

"The Prisoner" by Emil Bernhardt, called in literal translation, "The Ravaging Lamb," has been put into rehearsal by the Provincetown Playhouse. It will open on December 27.

Sam H. Harris has acquired "Conquest," a drama of Indo-China by Harry Hervey and Charleton Hildreth from the novel by Harry Hervey.

AMUSEMENTS

BOOTH 45 St. W. of B'way Eves. 8:40
Matinees Wed. & Sat. at 2:40
Winthrop Ames Presents
John Galsworthy's "The Love Nest"
New Play with Leslie Howard

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Bernard Shaw's Comedy
DOCTOR'S DILEMMA
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Mats. Thurs. & Sat. 2:20

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Laundry Drivers On Strike, Defection Of Employers Reported

Striking laundry drivers of Local 10, Brooklyn, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, who recently went on strike for recognition of their union, have signed up one of the nine shops against which the strike is being conducted, which headquarters announced yesterday.

Further defections from the ranks of the Consolidated Laundries, the association against which the strike is conducted, is predicted by the union. The union officials further charge that on the part of the police in protecting union pickets from daily attacks by gangsters alleged to be in the employ of the laundry owners.

Police Cited

Police of District 30, Borough Park, Brooklyn, and District 28, Coney Island, are especially criticized by the union leaders.

The strike of the local against nine shops of the Consolidated Laundries began last week and is said to be fully effective. The following laundries are affected: The West End, 1845 4th St.; the Spotless, 1237 31st St.; system, 8777 10th Ave.; the Tried, 182 Smith St.; the T. & T., 5301 2nd St., all of Brooklyn.

The K. & K., of 1159 61st St., has signed up with the union, granting the demands of the strikers. The West End and the Coney Island laundries are alleged to be the chief offenders in the use of gangsters against the union pickets.

WORKER IS KILLED

Joseph Daly, laborer, of Carroll St., Brooklyn, was instantly killed at noon yesterday when a portion of a shored up wall collapsed and fell into a nine-foot excavation at Avenue J and E. 13th St., Brooklyn.

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Coolidge-Butler Gang Selects Kansas City For 1928 Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The administration machine demonstrated again its control of the republican national committee selected Kansas City for its 1928 nominating convention to begin on June 12th next. The defeated and discredited William Morgan Butler, millionaire textile mill owner and exploiter of woman and child labor jammed through the vote for Kansas City, after a few hours' balloting in which San Francisco and Detroit endeavored to secure the convention.

Traction Labor Hears Pledges of NY Unions

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labor had other methods at its command when necessary. This announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the assembled workers. Strike sentiment was apparent at all stages of the meeting.

Iron Workers Pledge.
A message of support was read from the Architectural Iron and Bronze Workers Union pledging that organization to support the organization drive of the traction workers in every possible way, as the present outstanding task of the labor movement.

"Whereas, the traction interests of New York City are seeking the most drastic, sweeping injunction in the entire history of the American labor movement, against the right of the subway, surface and elevated car workers of New York City to organize in a union of their own choosing; and

"Whereas, this threatened injunction therefore becomes a matter of deep concern for all members of organized labor, therefore,
Full Support.
"Be it resolved, that the shop chairmen of the Architectural Iron, Bronze and Structural Workers' Union hereby go on record protesting against this judicial interference with the fundamental rights of labor to organize, and

"Be it further resolved, that we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to help the traction workers in their struggle against the injunction and for the right to organize."
Earlier in the day, it was announced at the headquarters of the Amalgamated in the Continental Hotel, Broadway at 41st St., that the contemplated plan of turning electric search lights on the army of company spies had to be abandoned because of the refusal of the owners of Harlem Casino to sanction the plan.

Healy Is Honored at Banquet Celebrating 25 Years of Service

Timothy Healy, retiring president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Oilers Union, was honored at a banquet meeting held at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd St. and Park Ave., on the completion of twenty-five years of his service in the labor movement.

Telegrams of congratulations were read from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America; J. H. Thomas, one of the officials of the British railway workers, and other prominent trade union officials. The meeting was held at the Commodore Hotel Tuesday night.

Among those who spoke were Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, Frank McKenna, of the Canadian railroad workers, and John P. Burke, of the International Paper and Pulp Workers.

To All Units.
The anti-injunction leaflets are now on hand at the district office, 108 E. 14th St. Price to all units \$2 per thousand.

Newark Workers to Test Speech Laws in USSR Memorial

The Russian Revolution celebration meeting that was to have been held Nov. 13 in Newark, but which was prevented by the city police, will be held Friday, Dec. 16, at 8 p. m., at the New Montgomery Hall, Montgomery and Prince Sts., W. W. Weinstein, New York district organizer of the Workers (Communist) Party of America, Juliet Stuart Poyntz, lecturer, and John Williamson, New York district organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League, will be the main speakers.

This meeting will be not only a celebration meeting for the Russian Revolution but will be a test as to whether working class meetings can be held in Newark.

Seven Arrested.
Several hundred workers were turned away from the hall by the police, Nov. 13. Seven were arrested, including Pat Toohy, one of the scheduled speakers, and Emil Gardos, sub district organizer of the New Jersey district of the Party. They are free under \$500 bail under charges of attempting to organize and speak at an open air meeting outside the hall. Due to the fact that the chief of police of Newark is on a vacation in Bermuda the trial has been postponed.

It is expected the forthcoming meeting will be better attended than the suppressed meeting, as many workers of Newark have expressed resentment at the action of the police at that time.

100 Food Workers Join Amalgamated Union

More than 100 restaurant workers joined the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Branch of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union at a mass meeting of 800 workers held yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Workers Hall, 133 W. 51st St.

The speakers were H. M. Wicks of the DAILY WORKER, P. Pascal Cosgrove, union organizer, Louis A. Baum, secretary of the Photographic Workers' Union, Local 17830, and A. Dalton.

LABOR AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Slipper Workers To Elect Officers.
This evening at 8 o'clock the Stitch-Down and Slipper Workers' Union, Local 55, will hold its regular meeting at 51 E. 10th St. Second nominations for officers and business agents will take place.

For Miners' Relief.
Money and clothing for the miners should be sent to the Miners' Relief Committee, 799 Broadway, Room 540.

Friends of Nature.
The Junior Section of the Friends of Nature will hold their monthly meeting Friday at 8 p. m. at 350 E. 85th St. Hikes will be planned.

Coop. Dance.
The United Workers Cooperative Gymnasium will run a dance Saturday evening at the Co-operative Building, 2700 Bronx Park East.

Shoe Workers' Dance.
The Shoe Workers' Protective Union, Local 55, will hold its third annual ball Saturday evening at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. Fourth St.

Brownsville I. L. D.
The I. L. D. Branch of the International Labor Defense will meet Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Brownsville Youth Center, 122 Osborn St., Brooklyn.

Downtown I. L. D.
An important meeting of the Downtown Branch of the International Labor Defense will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the Workers' Club, 35 E. Second St.

N. Y. College Students Rap Their President

Students at the College of the City of New York are protesting against the action of Frederick B. Robinson, president of the college, in sending a stenographer to students' meetings and forums to report speeches of undergraduates. It was learned yesterday.

The presence of the "official" stenographer has been observed since the revival of the campaign against compulsory military training, which resulted in the suspension of two students.

Sewer Graft Probe Continues, But No Results Are Seen

An investigation into sewer contract graft in Queens being conducted by District Attorney Richard S. Newcombe continued with no apparent results yesterday. Contractors and bonding agents were questioned.

The removal of Maurice E. Connolly, borough president in Queens County, has been asked on the charge favored sewer contractors received graft to the amount of several millions of dollars above the amounts called for by contracts.

George U. Harvey, alderman-elect from the Flushing district, is still reported as "preparing to submit" to Governor Smith the charges on which he is asking Connolly's removal from office.

Connolly Is Saying Nothing.
Newcombe was careful to point out that it was not his province "to reduce assessments nor to remove men from office."

Newcombe has talked to at least eight persons identified by observers as contractors or bonding men concerned with sewer work in the borough. The district attorney, however, has declined to state whom he had interviewed, what had been said, or what progress had been made in the inquiry.

A second letter to Governor Smith, requesting the immediate removal of Borough President Connolly, has been sent by Harvey. Harvey accompanied his letter with an affidavit signed by Mrs. Elizabeth Ferry, charging that her husband, formerly vice president of the James Ferry & Sons Contracting Company, told her he paid \$20,000 that he might be permitted to complete his contract for sewer construction work in Woodhaven.

ALBANY CRIMINOLOGY.

ALBANY, Dec. 7.—Gov. Smith in addressing the state crime commission here today suggested that the power of sentencing prisoners be taken away from judges and put into the hands of a commission composed of students, criminologists, psychiatrist and "the best possible men who could be found."

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Party Comrades Attention!
The Workers (Communist) Party is making a special drive to place the DAILY WORKER into the hands of the New York City traction workers. For this purpose two plans require the cooperation of every Party comrade and sympathizer:

1. Pass your copy of the DAILY WORKER to a traction worker as you enter or leave your train; better still, buy several copies for such distribution.

2. Come in to the local DAILY WORKER office, 108 E. 14th St., for free copies of the paper for a distribution campaign. This is very important and as many comrades as possible should report for this first rate revolutionary work.

Unit Organizers.
A meeting of unit organizers will be held on Friday at 8 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St. Important matters will be considered.

Inter-Racial Dance.
The Young Workers (Communist) League of Harlem will hold an inter-racial dance Saturday evening at the Imperial Auditorium, 160 W. 29th St. An interesting program has been arranged.

Pioneer Group Formed.
A new section of Pioneers has been formed in the Bronx. It will meet at the Hungarian Workers' Club, 708 Jackson Ave., Saturday at 3 p. m. All workers' children are invited to attend.

Agit-Prop Directors.
All unit, section and sub-section agitation-propaganda directors of the New York district will meet Friday at 8 p. m. at 108 E. 14th St.

Morning Branch To Meet.
"The Inner Party Situation in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics" will be the subject of a talk by Bert Miller before the Morning International Branch at 108 E. 14th St. Room 42, today at 10:30 a. m.

Dunne Speaks Tonight.
William F. Dunne of the DAILY WORKER, will lecture on the question of injunctions at tonight's meeting of Sub Section 1D at Manhattan Lyceum, 66 East Fourth St., at 7:30 p. m.

Discuss C. P. U. S. S. R.
The Opposition in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union will be discussed at the meeting of 6A and 6B tonight at 7:30 at 29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn.

Women's Conference.
A district conference of Workers (Communist) Party organizers of women's work in all fields will be held Saturday at 1:30 p. m. at 108 East 14th St. Rose Wortis will talk on organization in industry, Rachel Holtman on organization among housewives and Juliet Stuart Poyntz on general organization.

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London Gets New York Gold First Time Since War

For the first time since before the world war gold has been shipped from New York to London on the basis of exchange. The sum of \$1,000,000 in gold was loaded on one of the ocean steamers and started for the British capital. This movement is the culmination of a tendency on the part of sterling to approach the "gold point" or the point at which it is profitable to ship gold to the London market.

Beginning of Movement.
This million dollar gold shipment is considered the beginning of a pronounced movement of gold from the New York market to the London market. Both London and New York have been striving to boost sterling to the point where shipment would be profitable for the past few weeks. London needs gold to guarantee the continued stability of its gold standard and at this particular time also to cover the purchases of raw material for its industries. On the other hand the American financial structure is groaning under the weight of a gold surplus that impels it to strive to dispose of some of it.

Former Gold Shipments.
There have been other shipments from New York to England since the world war, but not on the basis of the "gold point." London obtained \$18,000,000 in gold from New York in the few months preceding the return to the gold standard, but this gold was purchased as a commodity, without regard to the price of sterling on the international exchange.

Pickens Will Speak At Forum In Harlem
William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak Sunday at 4 p. m. at the Harlem Educational Forum, 170 W. 130th St., on "Negroes in the South."

Richard B. Moore, general secretary of the American Negro Labor Congress, addressed the forum last Sunday afternoon.

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There Is Nothing "Nonpartisan" About the Coolidge Recommendation for Coal Mining Anti-Strike Legislation

The coal miners must be on their guard more vigilantly than ever before. The Coolidge message openly urges a "Watson-Parker" law for the coal industry—a measure which has as its primary purpose the destruction of the right to strike.

At the time when the coal miners are fighting for the life of their union, with thousands of miners' families thrown out of their homes by eviction processes, with the union being slowly strangled by federal and state injunctions, when the Lewis machine has cut off the Illinois district from the rest of the union by a separate agreement, while hunger stalks in the coal camps, the official leadership of the union is conspiring with Coolidge for the enactment of an anti-strike law disguised as conciliation but which is really compulsory arbitration.

This is the meaning of the clause in the Coolidge message to congress under the head of "Coal" and this is the meaning of the visit paid Coolidge by John L. Lewis recently.

The struggle against the coal barons, their coal and iron police, injunctions and evictions in the coal fields will have to be connected now with the fight to prevent the passage of the anti-strike law urged by Coolidge.

The Coolidge proposal shows more clearly than ever the need for a labor party as the weapon with which to carry on the fight on this front. The lessons learned in the strike struggle, in the fight against injunctions, must be carried into the election campaign by worker candidates who speak in the name of labor and who owe no allegiance to the parties of the coal barons and other capitalists.

Relief for the miners must be collected with the greatest energy, the picket lines must be maintained, the organization of the non-union fields must be begun and together with these struggles there should be Labor Party candidates making their challenge to democrat and republican candidates in every city, county, state and national election.

The campaign for a Labor Party is not something separate from the struggle to maintain the right to strike and picket, the right to organize, to gain better wages and working conditions, but is a part of this struggle.

The Coolidge recommendation for anti-strike legislation in the coal industry shows the political character of the struggle of the miners. There is nothing "non-partisan" in this recommendation and "non-partisan" political action must be discarded and replaced by a Labor Party if the fight to save the unions is to be victorious.

Another Banker-Ambassador for Latin America

Next to recess appointment by President Coolidge of Dwight W. Morrow as ambassador to Mexico was the appointment, now before congress for approval, of Col. Noble Brandon Judah, Chicago bank director, lawyer, and militarist, to succeed Major General Enoch H. Crowder, as ambassador to Cuba.

Judah is a millionaire banker, a political lackey of the McCormick Harvester trust and the Samuel Insull public utility trust, who married Dorothy Patterson of Dayton, Ohio, daughter of the scab-herding National cash register corporation and heiress to the Patterson millions. He is a director of the Chicago Title & Trust Company, one of the most powerful of the mid-west financial institutions.

As ambassador to Cuba, Judah will be, ex-officio, a member of the United States delegation to the Pan-American conference, where he will also be host to Charles Evans Hughes, chairman of the delegation, and the other agents of dollar despotism.

This second banker-ambassador for Latin America is evidence that representatives of great combinations of bank capital are to be sent to the southern republics to replace the "career men," the professional diplomats who are mere agents of imperialism.

This is indicative of the fact that the situation is considered so delicate that the ruling class itself must directly administer its affairs instead of entrusting them to professional politicians.

This new policy of the administration at Washington should be a warning signal to the Latin Americans and impel them toward the creation of an anti-imperialist bloc of nations that will wage a fight to exterminate yankee imperialism and drive its agents from their borders. The Pan American conference should be used as a forum from which to hurl defiance at the arrogance of the blood streaked government at Washington and pave the way for determined resistance to its power.

Textile Wage Cuts

Textile companies in Augusta, Biddeford and Lewiston, Maine, have made a flat 10 per cent reduction in wages. The wage cut in one company alone, the Pepperell mills, affects 3,500 workers.

The textile industry usually is the first to reflect a coming depression in industry. Altho the whole New England textile industry is depressed due to the rise of the textile industry in the south where wages are even lower than in New England, these drastic wage slashes in Maine can be taken as signs of a campaign of attempted general reductions coinciding with the general decline in production.

In some of the Maine mills the workers have asked that union organizers be sent, showing that the wage cuts are not going to be taken tamely.

A campaign of organization coupled with energetic efforts to form joint amalgamation committees in the section of the textile industry where cuts are made will form a basis for struggle against the lowering of the living standards which the textile bosses are carrying on and which will undoubtedly become more vicious as unemployment increases.

"AL" IS ON HIS WAY



The path of the righteous is strewn with thorns, according to scripture but the ghost writers of two thousand years ago could not know of the existence of manholes and sewers. And it comes to pass, that Al Smith, beloved of Tammany, and in good standing with the great god capitalism, would like to be president. But even as in the case of Warren Gamaliel Harding, who had his Teapot Dome, "Al" Smith has his \$16,000,000 Queens Borough sewer scandal which now yawns before his onward march. Verily indeed graft is a thing of evil and a hole in the ground.

"The Centuries" Is a Play for Labor, Says Em Jo Basshe — An Interview with Author

By SENDER GARLIN

"AUTHOR! Author!"
Em Jo Basshe, who wrote "The Centuries" now playing at the New Playwrights' Theatre told me yesterday a few things about himself and about the play.

The tiny reception room of the theater was jammed with various callers: applicants for parts, dramatists who were bringing MS. with them and others who were carrying them away; friends of the family. Basshe invited me to follow him up some improvised rickety steps to a tiny dressing room where we could talk undisturbed.

"I agree with you," he said, "that it's the proper thing to try to find out just what a writer is trying to do. And some facts about his previous activities sometimes help in understanding what kind of a play he is trying to get over."

The only kind of plays of any vitality are revolutionary plays," Basshe continued. "Nearly a hundred plays have been submitted to us since we began our theater," he asserted, "but only those with working-class implications have any significance. Handicapped by lack of money and proper equipment, the New Playwrights' Theatre is nevertheless creating the basis for a genuine proletarian theatre in the United States."

Basshe is one of the five directors of the theatre which started last year with the presentation of John Howard Lawson's "Loud Speaker," followed by "Earth" by himself. The other directors, besides Lawson are Michael Gold, John Dos Passos and Francis Edwards Faragón. "I met Mike Gold way back in 1914 in Boston only two years after I had arrived in this country from Russia with my father," Basshe related. "Gold was then working as a reporter on a newspaper and helping to edit a magazine called 'The Blast.' Some of his articles and short stories first attracted me to him and to the radical movement."

NOW barely 27 years old, Basshe has worked alone in America since he was a boy of 12. For his father remained in this country but a short time before returning to his native town of Vilna to continue his work of Jewish colonization as an escape from the pogroms of czarist Russia. Basshe's father is now in the United States on a brief visit. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of "Icor," the Jewish agricultural colony in the Soviet Union.

Basshe has worked as a shipping clerk in Boston; in a foundry in Harrisburg, Pa., and at miscellaneous occupations in various cities of the United States while he was bumming in various sections of the Middle and Far West.

"The strike scenes and the descriptions of the sweat shops I saw in Boston, Philadelphia and in New York," he said.

"We want to produce labor plays and we want labor audiences," Basshe said. "Every author writes for an audience; we want to write for a labor audience for then we will know that our work has truth and vitality."

"The Centuries" now being presented, is a genuine labor play, he feels. The grinding exploitation in the East Side shops, the contempt for human life, and the strike scenes are all part of the general portrayal of the life of the garment workers just prior to their achievement of the unions.

EM JO BASSHE



(Drawn By DON BROWN)

THE fact that the setting for the play is in a Jewish community does not limit its significance, he feels. "The economic implications held good for workers everywhere," Basshe told me. "Whether they be garment workers, furriers, auto workers or miners."

The author of the play pointed out that the owners of the Triangle Waist Shop where over 100 girls were burned to death because of the negligence of the owners were never convicted, while pickets during the recent furriers' strike have been sentenced to long prison terms for peaceful picketing.

The fire scene in "The Centuries" is one of the most dramatic in the entire play which is a thrilling description of industrial servitude on the East Side during the beginnings of the sweat-shop system in New York.

"My play has been criticized by some," said Basshe, "on the ground that it describes a revolt which is primarily an aesthetic revolt against the machine. I believe that such an attitude is unfair. In the United States, or any capitalist country, for that matter, a revolt against the machine is of fundamental significance. There is nothing glamorous about machinery; its test of value is its service in reducing the misery of the workers."

"In this country the machine is used to increase the degradation and slavery of the worker, and any revolt against it is the beginnings of a revolt which may easily grow into a class-conscious organized fight upon the system of exploitation. In the Soviet Union machinery is being utilized to build a new society; here it is used merely to increase the profits of those who are in control."

"The Centuries" has been bitterly attacked by a number of New York rabbis, Basshe declared. "This is quite understandable," he said, "in view of the fact that the play makes a direct attack upon the quackery upon which the Tabernacles of the Penny Jehovahs thrive. In addition it exposes the dubious past traditions which are being used merely as a shield to parasitism."

Basshe said that this charge applies not only to the orthodox Jewry, but also to the so-called "reformed temples" presided over by men like Stephen S. Wise whose job, Basshe declared, "is to flatter the whimsies of the comfortable members of the owning class."

"The men of God," Basshe said, "never had any use for the workers, neither in ancient times nor at the present time. Here and there the Talmud speaks kindly but apologetic words for the poor; but ordinarily the workers are held in contempt and placed almost in the same class as lepers."

THE author of "The Centuries" has seen much of the United States in the 15 years that he has lived here. And various activities have given him a curious insight and sharp acquaintance into many things. Basshe passed thru the public schools, finally graduating from the Latin High School in Boston. He is a graduate pharmaceutical chemist, but he has spent only two years in that precise and circumscribed work.

A migratory newspaper worker, Basshe has been a reporter on the Journal and also the Globe in Boston; the Chicago Daily News where he knew Carl Sandburg, Ben Hecht and the other literary graduates of journalism. Later he was employed on various small-town papers in the West.

Basshe has also been a pugilist in his day, too, he confessed. In the lightweight class, his promising career was cut short however. "In my first fight I was knocked out—cold and flat in the third round. For this I received \$25; in the second fight I was knocked out without pay; the third bout was a draw, and in the fourth both I and my opponent were arrested for violating one of the local 'blue laws.'"

Editor, the Daily Worker:

On display at 1670 Broadway and 52nd Street in New York might be seen the most unusual story of the Spanish Inquisition in fourteen portraits by Franz Vinck, the famous Belgian portrait painter. These oil paintings were suppressed by the Belgian Government since 1883 and only recently saw the light of day in that country.

What unquestionably would require hundreds of pages narrating in detail all the tortures of the Inquisition instigated at the behest of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in close alliance with the feudal monarchs can be reviewed at this art gallery in the space of thirty-five minutes—a picture story so horrible that it serves as the most damning indictment of the Catholic Church.

The Inquisition required no proofs of culpability. Any sort of false information or unfounded suspicion were sufficient motives to bring to the rack and the stake hundreds of thousands of innocent victims. One of the portraits represents the dungeons of the Inquisition in the 13th century, consisting of subterranean vaults situated at a depth of more than thirty feet underground! Unfortunate sufferers were condemned to sojourn in these dreadful holes and many of them mad with despair put an end to their torments by killing themselves.

Another oil painting entitled "The Strapped Torture" describes an infliction of torture in which the victim of the Inquisition is first stripped of all clothing after which both hands are strongly tied behind his back. Then by means of pulleys and rope fastened to his hands, he is raised to a certain distance from the

By Fred Ellis

Red Rays

CALVIN COOLIDGE does not have to run very fast in order to keep warm the rest of his life if it is true that he saved \$400,000 from his salary during his four years in the white house. The president is no craps-shooter like his predecessor, Warren Gamaliel Harding, who lost large sums of money at games of chance when he should be reading his bible or recuperating in bluest repose for the tasks of the next day.

IF the tale of the president's remarkable thrift accomplishment is well founded, doormen, bell boys, Pullman porters, taxi drivers and Washington bootleggers will not regret that Coolidge did "not choose to run." As far as they are concerned the president can spend the rest of his life running after trolley cars. The chief executive's salary is \$75,000 a year with \$20,000 thrown in for expenses. Evidently Calvin put everything in the sock. More than that, he must have bunned his meals from the white house janitor, while in Washington.

IN a way it is a matter for regret that the president did not choose to run. Perhaps he feels that he has done one man's share in proving that it is possible for an American citizen to live within his salary. In four more years of national service he would have saved a million dollars and proved that the late William Jennings Bryan was wrong, when the deceased fundamentalist said that no man could make one million dollars during a lifetime without leaving his honesty open to question. To even doubt Coolidge's honesty would be to risk losing the vote of Vermont cider makers and the bill collectors of the nation.

WHEN Coolidge reiterated his decision that he would not run, stocks took a nose dive in Wall Street, but they recovered almost immediately, proving that presidents may come and presidents may go, but the exploiting of labor will go on until the workers put an end to it. Whether the next occupant of the white house is Al Smith, the democrat, Charles G. Dawes, the republican or a black nag, who is yet beyond suspicion, American imperialism will continue to function to the satisfaction of Wall Street.

TIMOTHY HEALY, president of the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers exchanged his birthright for a banquet. For the past few years "Tim" was not damned by much praise from the bureaucracy of the American Federation of Labor or by the "friend of labor" who occupies the post of secretary of labor in the Coolidge cabinet.

"TIM'S" fall from grace was due to his espousal of the cause of Soviet recognition which was anathema to the heads of the A. F. of L. and the Coolidge administration. "Tim" was punished by finding himself eased out of the presidency of his union. Now poor "Tim" has the following bouquet handed to him by secretary of labor Davis, at a banquet in Healy's honor at the Hotel Commodore: "No labor leader has ever had more friends than Healy for the reason that he has given labor a new dignity, a new title to public respect." Had "Tim" gone out of the labor movement without a heavy meal he would not have this burden to his grave.

P. J. SHEA, executive board member of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, gave much-needed advice to fearless spotters of the traction magnates who attend union meetings in order to turn in the names of those traction employees who attend, to the traction officials. Shea informs all and sundry that his men will make a list of spotters who turn it over to mail order firms, a more likely probability to "loca" unions where the names will be read aloud at meetings.

WRITERS of accident and disability insurance might read the promised list with profit and interest. There is nothing more killing than a heavy daily mail asking the recipient to buy this, that and the other thing. There is nothing more nerve-wracking, except to have your door bell ring every fifteen minutes by sewing machine salesmen or furniture collectors. Spotters would not do much worrying if Mr. Shea carried out his threat to have their names read at trade union meetings. Neither would the undertakers.

THERE is no more contemptible louse masquerading as a human being on the face of the earth than the stoolpigeon. He is almost without fail a brainless individual. Bill Haywood attributes his baldness to this species. It was Bill's practice when illustrating the mental deficiency of this type to pluck a hair from his head and inform his audience that the brains of all the stoolpigeons in the United States could rattle inside the hair. Bill delivered several thousand speeches and he never forgot the stoolpigeon. He has still a few hairs left.

—T. J. O'FLAHERTY.

The Workers Forum

floor, a weight of two hundred and fifty pounds having previously been hung to his feet. The "heretic" is submitted to this kind of torture, while standing at his side is a Dominican friar prepared to catch the least murmur resembling an avowal. If the prisoner does recant and reconcile himself to the church, he by no means is left off lightly. He is "mercifully" granted the favor of being strangled before he is thrown to the flames!

The Spider Torture is the subject of another portrait, an apparatus which was ingeniously used to tear the breasts from thousands of women who dared to express thoughts, which, however slight they may have been might reflect upon the "godliness" of the church authorities. In this painting we see the breasts of a woman being torn off, and the wounds left by this horrible mutilating being cauterized with red hot irons. All for having been accused of nursing a heretic child!

The exhibits shown in numerical order are as follows:
Apprehensions and House Searching; Common Prisons of the Inquisition; The Inquisitorial Tribunal; The Strappado Torture; Nightly Seizures and Mysterious Disappearances; The Water Torture; The Spider Torture; The Torture of the Feet; The Scourging; Spanish Boot Torture; The Rack; Exposition of Victim's Limbs; The Procession of the Auto-Da-Fe, and the Auto-Da-Fe.

All of the above portraits are destined for the art galleries of Mexico City and will remain in New York only for a short time. Readers of THE DAILY WORKER would do well to see these oil paintings before they leave the United States.

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